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SUBJ: LOCALE FOR PHASE II OF SALT

REF: BERN 22 13

1. SWISS RADIO NEWS THIS MORNING LED OFF WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT US AND USSR HAD AGREED TO HOLD NEXT ROUND OF SALT TALKS GENEVA. WHILE ITEM ATTRIBUTES NEWS TO "US GOVERNMENT CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON", SWISS FONMIN HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT NEWS LEAKED IN MOSCOW. SWISS CITE FACT THAT FINNISH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN VISITING MOSCOW AT PRESENT AND SURMISE THAT LEAK CONNECTED WITH KEKKONEN VISIT.

2. SWISS FONMIN FLOODED WITH PRESS QUERIES. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, SWISS FEEL THEY CANNOT PUT OFF ISSUANCE THEIR COMMUNIQUE UNTIL 1700 HOURS LOCAL TIME AUG 14. THEY NOW INTEND TO ISSUE THEIR STATEMENT AT NOON LOCAL TIME AUGUST 14 (LESS THAN THREE HOURS FROM TRANSMISSION THIS MESSAGE) UNLESS US HAS STRONG OBJECTIONS.

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